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SUBJECT:TRADE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS: MARITIME AGREEMENT

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1. REGRET WASHINGTON AGENCIES DO NOT ACCEPT TEXT SUGGESTED
PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL. AS NOTED STATE 207747 MAJOR
CHANGE IN U.S. MARITIME

POLICY WOULD BE POLICY WOULD BE REQUIRED IN ORDER FOR US
TO NEGOTIATE MARITIME BILATERAL. (BILATERAL AGREEMENT
WITH SOVIET UNION IS ONLY EXCEPTION.)

2. DURING DECEMBER VISIT OF ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF TRANS-
PORTATION OFFICIAL BALASOIU, DEPARTMENT OFFICER AGREED TO
STUDY AGAIN MATTER OF POSSIBLE MARITIME BILATERAL, HAVING
IN MIND ROMANIAN DESIRE TO CONCLUDE SUCH AN AGREEMENT
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DURING PROPOSED VISIT OF MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION DUDAS.

NO DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN AS YET, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE TO ATTEMPT TO FORCE DECISION UNDER PRESSURE OF CURRENT TRADE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

3. WE BELIEVE WE HAVE BEEN RESPONSIVE TO ROMANIAN DRAFT ON MARITIME PROVISIONS IN TRADE AGREEMENT. OUR ARTICLE VII RESPONDS TO ARTICLE VIII OF THE ROMANIAN DRAFT AND COVERS MOST POINTS WITH IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL IMPORTANCE WHICH THE ROMANIANS HOPE TO INCLUDE IN A MARITIME BILATERAL.

4. DELEGATION MAY ADVISE ROMANIANS THAT WE ARE AWARE OF CONTINUING ROMANIAN INTEREST IN MARITIME BILATERAL. IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMENTS MADE TO BALASOIU DURING DECEMBER VISIT, WE ARE REVIEWING POSSIBILITY OF SUCH AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME, MOREOVER, BECAUSE OF DOUBT THAT THE ROMANIAN REQUEST FOR BILATERAL MARITIME AGREEMENT WILL BE ACTED UPON FAVORABLY, U.S. DEL SHOULD REFRAIN FROM GIVING ROMANIANS ANY CAUSE TO EXPECT POSITIVE USG RESPONSE ON THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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